

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

A.P.S. COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)
AND NECESSITY TO EXPAND PRESENT) CASE NO. 9425
COVERAGE TO INCLUDE KNOX, WHITLEY,)
LAUREL AND HARLAN COUNTIES, KENTUCKY)

O R D E R

On September 19, 1985, A.P.S. Communications, Inc., ("A.P.S. Communications") filed its application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to expand its present radio paging service to include Knox, Whitley, Laurel, and Harlan counties in Kentucky. On September 25, 1985, a letter was sent to A.P.S. Communications notifying it of filing deficiencies. Its response was filed October 23, 1985. A letter was sent to the two certified paging operations in these areas, notifying them of A.P.S. Communications' application. There was no response to the letter.

A.P.S. Communications is a corporate subsidiary of A.P.S. Security, Inc., of Middlesboro, Kentucky, which is engaged in the business of providing burglar and fire alarm protection for the business community in Middlesboro and surrounding counties. A.P.S. Communications has been in business for 3 1/2 half years,

and has been certified to provide radio paging service in the Bell County, Middlesboro, Kentucky, area. In addition to providing paging services, A.P.S. Communications also provides telephone answering services. Except for the Harlan County site, which is pending negotiation, existing community repeater sites will be used to provide the proposed expanded coverage. A.P.S. Communications presently has the necessary equipment in stock.

The Commission having considered this matter and being advised finds that:

1. There is a public need for the service since expansion will provide wider area coverage for existing subscribers, as well as enable new customers to subscribe to the service in the additional areas.

2. Since A.P.S. Communications has been providing radio paging services for approximately 3 years, it has demonstrated its technical and financial ability to provide such a service.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that A.P.S. Communications be and it hereby is granted a certificate of convenience and necessity to expand its coverage to include Knox, Whitley, Laurel, and Harlan counties in Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that appropriate information concerning the Harlan County site be filed within 30 days of the date of this Order. This information should include contour maps, leasing agreements and copies of any required federal approvals.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10th day of December, 1985.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary